

the amount. Is there any case of that sort? It may be unnecessary budgetting.

President.—Is there any case in respect of this grant where work has been budgetted for but subsequently found to be not necessary at all, and that grant amount lapsed? That will show inattention.

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—I want notice.

Reasons for not giving Civil Powers to all the Panchayats.

356. Mr. I. E. Ambookan.—Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have any reasons for not giving civil power to all the Panchayats in the State? If so, what are they?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—The member is referred to para 116 of the *Report of the Administration of the Department of Agriculture and Panchayats for the year 1999*, a copy of which is placed on the Council Secretary's table for reference. As most of the Panchayats have been re-constituted under the amending Regulation III of 1997, the matter has now been taken up for consideration by the Government.

Expenditure, etc., of the Village Panchayats.

357. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:

(a) the system on which the budget expenditure of the Panchayat is apportioned;

(b) if it is based on population, area or proximity to the town;

(c) the number of resolutions, if any, passed by the Panchayats but disregarded or overruled by the Superintendent of Panchayats during the last year?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) and (b). Expenditure is provided for in the Panchayat budget according to the actual requirements of each village, and is generally apportioned accordingly.

But in cases where unforeseen expenditure is urgently required for a village and no funds are available, the funds provided for less urgent works are diverted for meeting the same.